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Confirmation No.	5609	
First Named Inventor	LU, PETER S.	
Application Number	10/663,538	
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Group Art Unit	1641	
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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Response to File Missing Parts dated November 20, 2003 for which a two-month period for response was given making this response due on or before January 20, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: